

# DREF operation final report



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Uganda: Ebola Haemorrhagic Fever

DREF Operation no. MDRUG007

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

**Period covered by this Final Report:** 28 November 2007 to 29 February 2008.

**Summary:** CHF 152,756 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the National Society in delivering assistance to an undetermined number of beneficiaries.

To prevent and mitigate the spread of Ebola Fever in the target areas, URCS mobilized and trained 306 volunteers for 3 days to undertake awareness creation through community sensitization campaigns. In turn, the trained volunteers carried out community sensitization through community gatherings, door-to-door



A volunteer conducting Ebola awareness session with a household in Town

campaigns, followed up contacts and referred suspected cases to Ministry of Health centers through active surveillance with the task force teams. The volunteers, who worked tirelessly during the operation to contain the outbreak, were given incentives such as food hampers, day allowances and insurance so as to motivate them.

In addition, information, education and communication materials were effectively used in the branches to facilitate information sharing, which also led to increasing the Red Cross visibility.

There was very close coordination and good networking with other stakeholders, namely the Ministry of Health, the Danish Red Cross, Oxfam-GB (Uganda Office), World Food Programme, Médecin Sans Frontiers and the World Health Organization. Through this coordinated effort, the Uganda Red Cross Society contributed to the scaling down of the spread of Ebola Virus in the country in all the affected districts/branches.

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## The situation

The Ugandan Ministry of Health (MoH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in Uganda confirmed an outbreak of Ebola haemorrhagic fever in the Bundibugyo District located in the South-Western region of Uganda, along the border between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo during the month of November 2007. The outbreak put the neighbouring districts and/or branches of Kabarole, Kibaale, Kasese, Masindi, Hoima and Kampala at a high risk due to the uncontrolled population movements within these districts.

At the onset of the outbreak, a total of 20 samples of persons infected were sent to Centre for Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta for screening and 8 were confirmed positive of the Ebola fever. During the outbreak period the virus spread affecting over 176 people, with 836 contact cases being monitored for a period of 21 days before declared free of Ebola and 36 deaths including 5 health workers being reported by mid January 2008.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Progress towards objectives

**Overall objective:** To prevent and mitigate the spread of Ebola Fever in the target areas through health education and active community surveillance and to mitigate the impact of the outbreak.

#### Capacity building-Training

**Specific Objective 1:** To build the capacity of the volunteers of Bundibugyo Branch to respond to the epidemic.

#### Achievements

URCS mobilized and trained 306 volunteers for 3 days to undertake awareness creation through community sensitization campaigns. The trainings were conducted in collaboration with the Uganda Ministry of Health District Health Officers ensuring quality and uniformity of information passed on to the affected communities.

**Table 1: Number of volunteers trained per branch.**

Branch	Volunteers trained
Bundibugyo	130
Kabarole	40
Kasese	31
Masindi	23
Hoima	10
Kampala	50
Kibaale	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>

#### Awareness Creation – Community sensitization

**Specific Objective 2:** To increase knowledge in the community on the symptoms and prevention of Ebola in the affected areas.

#### Achievements

To increase the communities' knowledge on the symptoms and prevention of Ebola in the affected areas, trained volunteers carried out community sensitization through community gatherings, door-to-door campaigns, followed up contacts and referred suspected cases to Ministry of Health centers through active surveillance with the task force teams. The sensitizations were carried out at sub-county levels in 11 branches namely Bundibugyo, Kabarole, Masindi, Kibaale, Kasese, Hoima, Kampala North, Kampala South, Kampala West, Kampala East and Kampala central.

Uganda Red Cross Society purchased and distributed Information, Education and Communication materials such as posters, brochures and T-shirts. These items were effectively used in the branches to facilitate information sharing and also led to increasing the Red Cross visibility.

**Table 2: Number of IEC Materials purchased**

IEC Materials	Number purchased
Posters	78,000 pieces
brochures	165,000 pieces
T-shirts	1,100 pieces
Megaphones	20 pieces

In addition, 45 radio spots were aired out on 2 FM radio stations in Kampala and Kabalore, further increasing the communities' knowledge on the symptoms and prevention of Ebola in Kasese and Bundibugyo. The Ministry of Health sponsored further information sharing through FM radios thus increasing the areas reached with the information.

### Capacity building – logistics and technical support

**Specific Objective 3:** To provide logistical and technical support to the branch for effective response

#### Achievements

Branches in the affected areas were provided with both logistical and technical support from the National Society headquarters, district local authorities such as the office of the Resident District Commissioners and District Health Officers. To facilitate their work during the intervention, URCS purchased and provided the volunteers with 500 bottles of jik, 200 pieces of overalls, 600 pairs of gum boots, 400 pieces of pinafores, 20 cartons of gloves and 20 pieces of Megaphones.

Furthermore, to motivate 130 volunteers from Bundibugyo branch who worked tirelessly during the operation to contain the outbreak, incentives such as food hampers, day allowances and insurance were provided.

### Psychosocial support

**Specific Objective 4:** To provide psychosocial support to the affected households for better integration.

Through the support of the World Health Organization, 130 volunteers were trained in psycho-social support skills to enable them support the affected households in the affected areas. The affected households had been subjected to discrimination and stigmatization within their communities and the psycho-social support offered by the URCS volunteers went a long way in resolving the stigma. The trained volunteers provided counseling services to 140 families and continually monitored their progress. Eventually, the communities were able to integrate those affected as a result of higher levels of awareness of the outbreak through the vigorous anti-stigma campaigns carried out by the National Society volunteers.

### Relief items

**Specific Objective 5:** To provide essential household items to the affected households.

A total of 400 essential household kits were pre-positioned in Bundibugyo Red Cross Branch for households affected by the Ebola Haemorrhagic Fever to ensure timely replacements of those household items destroyed after use by the infected persons in a bid to curb further spread of the fever.

### Networking

During the intervention, URCS closely networked with other stakeholders namely Ministry of Health, Danish Red Cross, Oxfam-GB (Uganda Office), World Food Programme, Medecin Sans Frontiers and World Health Organization. URCS held several meetings with partners to share updates on the progress of the interventions both at field and national levels through established task forces. The National Task Force meetings were coordinated by WHO and MoH at Kampala, while the field level meetings were coordinated by the District Health Offices.

## Conclusion

The Uganda Red Cross Society strengthened its capacity in health outbreak response while strengthening and building partnerships with other humanitarian actors. This is evident where the National Society contributed to the scaling down of the spread of Ebola Virus in the country in all the affected districts/branches through efforts made in community sensitization, procurement and distribution of IEC materials, conducting radio spots for general public awareness and provision of psychosocial support to the traumatized families.

## How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Final Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/11-2008/6
Budget Timeframe	2007/11-2008/2
Appeal	MDRUG007
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	152,756					152,756
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>Income</b>						
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	149,548					149,548
<b>C5. Other Income</b>	149,548					149,548
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)</b>	149,548					149,548
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	149,548					149,548
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	98%					98%

## II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	0					0
<b>C. Income</b>	149,548					149,548
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	-149,548					-149,548
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	0					0

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**III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure**

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>152,756</b>					<b>152,756</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Clothing & textiles	11,214						11,214	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>11,214</b>						<b>11,214</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Transport & Vehicle Costs	18,101						18,101	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>18,101</b>						<b>18,101</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
National Society Staff	13,929						13,929	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>13,929</b>						<b>13,929</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	27,566						27,566	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>27,566</b>						<b>27,566</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Information & Public Relation	55,000						55,000	
Office Costs	17,017						17,017	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>72,017</b>						<b>72,017</b>	
<b>Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>								
Cash Transfers National Societies		139,827				139,827	-139,827	
<b>Total Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>		<b>139,827</b>				<b>139,827</b>	<b>-139,827</b>	
<b>Programme Support</b>								
Program Support	9,929	9,721				9,721	209	
<b>Total Programme Support</b>	<b>9,929</b>	<b>9,721</b>				<b>9,721</b>	<b>209</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>152,756</b>	<b>149,548</b>				<b>149,548</b>	<b>3,209</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>3,209</b>				<b>3,209</b>		